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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

In re: NEURONTIN MARKETING,
SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

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Crone v. California State Court

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The videotaped deposition of SHEILA WEISS
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1 Q Were you asked to ever review it at that
2 time?

3 MR. BARNES: What time?

4 Q At the time it became publicly available.
5 When we're talking about the FDA statistical review?

6 A Was I asked to look at it? I think I had
7 already looked at it as soon as it became available
8 because I wanted to put the alert in January in
9 context. So I was very interested in what they said.

10 Q When was the first time you were asked to
11 put down on a piece of paper an opinion based upon the
12 FDA alert?

13 MR. BARNES: Objection. We have a
14 stipulation in this case where drafting of expert
15 reports is not the subject of examination. So I'll
16 instruct her not to answer that question.

17 MR. ALTMAN: I'm not asking about the
18 drafting. I'm asking when she was asked to do it.
19 That's not the drafting.

20 MR. BARNES: That's a different question.

21 MR. ALTMAN: I asked when was the first
22 time you were asked to opine upon the FDA alert.

23 MR. BARNES: That's a different question.
24 You may answer that one.

25 A I believe it was in early fall.

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1 Q Okay. When was the first time you were
2 asked to render any opinions on the advisory committee
3 meeting and the transcript and the discussions that
4 took place?

5 A I believe it was around the same time.

6 Q Have you ever had any direct discussions
7 with Dr. Robert Gibbons?

8 A No.

9 Q Do you believe that you are -- you're aware
10 that Dr. Gibbons did a pharmacoepidemiologic study of
11 the pharmametrics data, correct?

12 A Yes, I'm aware of it.

13 Q If you had been given that raw data as he
14 was, do you believe you could have done a similar
15 study?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So you pretty much see yourself as kind of
18 colleagues, same general qualifications?

19 A I consider us colleagues. He's a
20 biostatistician and I'm an epidemiologist. We
21 typically work together on teams.

22 Q We talked before about the AIRS G database
23 in this case. Have you ever received similar data from
24 a company in the past? What I mean by that a CD, et
25 cetera, that has their adverse event database or an

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1 extract for a particular drug?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you use that, make use of that data,
4 did you load it into a database? Did you use it in any
5 way yourself or did you do just a quick cursory review
6 of it and put it aside?

7 A That's a general question for many
8 different situations. So I can't answer just one
9 thing.

10 Q Have you ever done more with a company's
11 internal adverse event database than you did in this
12 particular case?

13 A Yes, I have.

14 Q Did you do that work yourself and did you
15 have people working with you to do that?

16 A Depends on the situation.

17 Q Have you ever done it all by yourself?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What tools would you typically use to do
20 that?

21 A Again, it depends on the situation.

22 Q What tools have you used in the past to do
23 that?

24 A You mean what software?

25 Q What software?

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1 A I've used D Base, starting with 2, 3, 4.
2 Okay. I've used Excel. I've used sets, Epicure,
3 Epi-Info. I've used SPSS. Statistical packages,
4 database packages, access. Sometimes I've already been
5 set up in a database. It really depends on what time,
6 the decade, and what I'm doing and how big the database
7 is and where it's located.

8 Q Is there any technical impediment that
9 would have kept you from doing work with the AIRS G
10 database produced in this particular litigation loaded
11 up into one of those packages and doing computations or
12 analysis or time trending of that data?

13 A No, it's just a question of time and
14 necessity.

15 Q Are all reports, strike that.
16 Does the company have to submit every
17 single adverse event reported received to the FDA?

18 A It's my understanding that they do not
19 submit every report. There's no need.

20 Q So there could be and likely would be
21 adverse event data in a company's database that
22 wouldn't be in the FDA's database, correct?

23 A That is correct. They follow the federal
24 regulations.

25 Q Do you know what junk science is when I use